

Thayer Jan 26 1851

Rev. Amos A. Phelps.

Boston.

Mass.

"fair is over", am heading homeward - expect to get there to-
morrow (Prov. permitting). I heard of you in Amherst - that
you were expected there last week - watched the stages
in hopes of seeing you - Mr. St. Clair came, lectured
Sabbath afternoon 5 o'clock in the Baptist chh. to a full
house - gave the best address I have heard on that subject
for many a month. I wish he would go to Norwalk.
You spoke of seeing father in Boston at the Annu-
versaries - did you tell him what you said, when you
were at Norwalk, you were going to, about me? I hope
you did. If you didn't, I reckon I shall soon. But
I must wait this. I shall be glad to hear from you
at your pleasure. Good by

Yours affectionately

A. A. Drake

P.S. Mr. Lyon & Edward have just arrived - send too
Mrs. G. will write you soon - E. looks well - says he
has had a happy vacation. Mrs. G. is well.

from you by your letter of two or three weeks since, which
brought forth from him the exclamation "What a
good Pa I've got, haven't I?" I did not write you imme-
diately upon the receipt of that, as you requested, because
as Edward was then sick I had been for about a week,
I preferred to wait till he should recover, lest it might
occasion you needless anxiety. But I know you will be
glad to hear now, that he has had the measles and has
got over them nicely. I am sure he did not have them very
severely, I kept him confined from the air exposure how-
ever for more than a week, lest he should endanger him-
self by taking cold & he bore it quite philosophically
- asking every now and then, "When I thought it would
do for him to go down stairs." I rec^d also, before I
left, the box you sent. The cloth I got made up in me-
diately - looks well. The hat is too small - I have had it
stretched, but it does not fit him yet. What shall I do
with it? exchange it? Yes other thin clothes I sent with him
to Harrington, to be put in order there - the two thin
spencers he can wear this summer without alteration.
He says he wants to see his Pa very much, and is exer-
cising ~~the~~ what little arithmetic he has got in calculating
how much the three weeks he has staid with me, sub-
tracted from "a few", will leave - for he says his father prom-
ised him a visit in a "few weeks." "Uncle, how long will it
be?" he is often asking me.
As to myself, I have been doing well since I saw you.
I reckon your visit was just what I wanted, to cheer
me up a little from rather a prooping mood. I have
been moving about a little here & there this vacation - have
spent most of my time in Amherst - and now that "the

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My dear Bro.

I write now from the Temp. House, where I am waiting for the arrival of Edward from F. to accompany me to head quarters again. He is to be here this morning with his grandmother & take the Boat with me this afternoon. - Mr Bodwell told me last evening that he saw them yesterday - that they were well - I have not seen Edward myself since I put him on board the Farmington stage, a week ago last Friday. - He was then bright & happy - seems to enjoy himself very well at Norwalk - became contented very soon & ~~became~~ more contented than I feared he would be immediately after your departure. I have had no trouble in managing him - have found him very tractable, as I expected - have had occasion for only slight correction once, to prevent him from trespassing beyond his assigned limits, since which he has been strictly observant of them. In all other respects he has been a very good boy. As to his studies, I have confined him thus far to reading, spelling & easy arithmetic. Next term I shall put him on Geog. - He does very well in school & is full of play at home. - remembers what you told him about going to the water, and gives me no trouble on that score. He was glad enough (as well as I) to hear